

**CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2016**

The October monthly meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:34 P.M. at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

Present: Chairman Rob Adair, Vice Chairman Larry Huemmler, Linda Kearney, Nat Lucy, Alternate; Selectmen Representative Dave Weathers

Absent: Carol Lyman, Treasurer, Dan Lucy, Karla Allen, Pat Ferland, Alternate; Theresa Gallagher, Recording Secretary

1. **Approval of the Minutes 9/14/2016. Rob noted a correction on the Boundary Line Adjustment: the motion was "to approve a parcel exchange, where the Town of Conway is solely acquiring Parcel A and the Community Center is solely acquiring Parcel C." The Committee noticed an error in the budget as presented in the minutes Approval of the minutes from the September 14, 2016 CCC meeting is tabled for the next meeting. (See below)**
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Reports and Other Business:
  - a. Chairman Rob Adair did not receive any communication from Forester Don Johnson.
  - b. Trail Committee Reports:

Red Tail Trail: Work was done with complements of Lucy Hardware providing a machine to build the tabletop mounds and berms. Rob seeded and mulched a lot of the disturbed areas with Carrol County Conservation Mix; there still is a little bit of tread work to do at the climbing line. Earl Sires told Rob that Don Johnson received a Fish & Game Grant for \$4,000 to use for the wildlife opening, That will offset the \$5,500 brontosaurus work in the budget. The location is the wild life opening, higher up on the Red Tail Trail.

The budget for 2017 does not have the \$5,500 brontosaurus work listed; \$5,000 for the Red Tail Trail work and \$500 for the Bowling Alley Hill Vista.. The Committee noticed an error in the budget as reported in the minutes **Dave Weathers made a motion to hold off on approving the minutes from September 14, 2016 until the error is found; seconded by Larry Huemmler. All in favor. Passed unanimously (5-0)**

A Question came up about how close Don Johnson's work is to the boundary line of the NH Audubon Society at the Bowling Alley Hill vista. Rob said he's not sure where the boundary line is.

Whitaker Woods: There are two large fallen trees near Swenson's Folly, off the S curve trail. Nat Lucy spoke with Don Johnson about doing work on the east side of the power lines, and Don said he will plan on getting it done. Nat also met with the Co-op because there was a dead Hemlock in Whitaker on the east side by the power lines, near the loop that they are

hoping to build as a rec path; Don Johnson looked at the area and remarked that he could spend a day cutting down the dead trees. The Co-op remarked that they could probably get the Hemlock out by next year. They will work the beeches this year. Last year the Conservation Commission approved working the steep pitch that goes up by the power lines; the plan is to make it a lower grade path to avoid the steep pitch and erosion, and to make it wide enough for an emergency vehicle to travel on. Also in the plan is to put some logs across the road to avoid everyday traffic, but it could be accessible in an emergency. Rob and Nat are working on the corridor, making it smooth enough to allow for skiing, although it's not in the budget for this year. The Town will not be billed for the work. Eventually they will continue to put more work into this project, and will apply for a grant to fund it. Nat Lucy remarked that if they get the other grant, the priority is to get the original project done - upgrading Bancroft (3/4 mile) and getting over to Cranmore with a direct unpaved trail. This project will take three years.

There was a brush fire on the power line trail last month. No one knows what caused it.

Rob Adair reported that the MWV Bicycle Club would like to buy a bench and a tool stand to be placed next to a kiosk in the Marshal Conservation Area parking lot. All the tools are attached to a steel frame, making it theft-proof. NEMBA will be building the kiosk. Accepting the gift of the bench and tool stand may need approval from the Town. **Larry Huemmler made a motion to approve the MWV Bicycle Club installing a bench and tool stand at the base on the Marshall Conservation Area parking lot, pending Town approval; Linda Kearney seconded. No further discussion. Passed unanimously. (5-0)**

#### 4. Selectmen's Report:

Dave Weathers reported that the Town received an intend to cut from Steve Morrill on the property from Routes 113/302 to Conway Lake. It's 479 acres. He plans to use the best logger in the state and sell the wood when the market goes up. It will be a ten year project and he intends to cut everything form 10 inches high and above. Residents along the lake have seen the plans and are very upset. Dave talked with the State Forester, and as long as Steve complies with the abutters within the State Road, he is allowed to do the cut. He plans to put in a road for emergency vehicles. The Shoreline Protection Act requires 300 feet and most of the lots on the lake are 300 feet or more. The project may go near the lake in places, but most of it will be along Route 113/302 where he cannot cut more than 50% of the trees for 5 years. He cannot change the land use without an Alteration of Terrain, unless it's for agriculture. He can still cut along the wetlands. The CCC can file a complaint to the DES, but the Town is very limited on what it can do.

#### 5. Round Table Discussion:

**Next Meeting – The next meeting will be November 9, 2016 at 6:30 at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.**

**Adjourn: Linda Kearney made a motion to adjourn at 7 P.M.; seconded by Larry Huemmler. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted, *Theresa Ann Gallagher* Recording Secretary